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ABSTRACT

Offering students some thinking and coping tools they can use to make sound decisions based on strong values, this resource book presents numerous selections from children's literature and suggested activities and projects. The book begins with a brief introduction, advice to teachers on using the book, ways to make the classroom more conducive to a values-based atmosphere, a sample letter home presenting suggestions parents may find useful during the child's study of values, and definitions of the 10 values addressed in the book. Each of the 10 sections in the book--Honesty, Responsibility, Courage, Kindness, Friendship, Persistence, Loyalty, Respect, Hard Work, and Love--contains a summary of each of several stories (such as: "The Emperor's New Clothes," "The Berenstain Bears and the Truth," "Brave Irene," "The Lion and the Mouse," "The Crow and the Pitcher," "The Samurai's Daughter," and "The Little Red Hen") related activities to reinforce the concept, a variety of supporting projects, and some pattern pages. Some of the suggested activities in the book are best accomplished in small cooperative learning groups while others may be done on an individual basis. A variety of learning methods are provided in the book so that all learners--auditory, kinesthetic, and visual--will have a chance to absorb the lessons as well. Advice on finding other works of literature that deal with particular values, an 11-item annotated bibliography of reference books, and a 23-item bibliography are attached. (RS)

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